

Aloha!

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In the time between our last update and the beginning of March, we were able to take a brief vacation to the Hawaiian island of O‘ahu, staying in Waikiki and soaking up some sun on the beach while also taking in some sights around the island—from the lush green nature of the Waimea Valley...



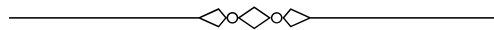
...and the legendary waves at Bonzai Pipeline...



...to the intricate indigenous arboreal nature...



...and, of course, some food and drink...



While in Waikiki, our hotel was located on Kalākaua Avenue, named after the penultimate monarch (and final king) of the Kingdom of Hawai‘i. Reigning for nearly 17 years, David Kalākaua saw his official coronation delayed nearly a decade owing to unrest surrounding his election to the throne. During the year of his coronation in 1883, the United States—in an increasing degree of focus paid to the Pacific archipelago—struck a series of denominations with

Kalākaua's effigy for circulation. Though not popular within the local economy, these issues have always been enthusiastically collected given their tangential relationship to regular U.S. coinage. In honor of the centennial of this coinage, the private Hawaiian Mint issued a modified version of the 'dala' struck in one ounce of silver...which brings us to one of this month's highlights—a trial strike of this issue, struck on an exceptionally unusual scrap piece of aluminum. If you look at it long enough, you can almost convince yourself that it is the shape of the big island of Hawai'i...



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Though our adventure was limited to just five days and only the island of O'ahu, there are certainly other exotic destinations represented by items in this month's inventory, such as Cambodia...



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...Japan...



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...and, of course, who could forget Isla Nublar, the fictional island of *Jurassic Park* fame...



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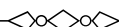
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The remainder of this month's upload is rounded out by some World War I issues, returning favorites like Baudichon's *Lusitania* and Durand's Mehmet II medals, a great "Leda & the Swan" plaque, a late 19th century firefighting medal from München, an anti-Zeppelin gold award medal from London, a medal with some rather archaic views on domesticity, and a handful of other great types...



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Lastly, we will be back mid-month on the Ides of March for another 'skulls & skeletons' installment of spooky exnumia, so be on the lookout for that!



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